

To: Harper, Jim[Harper.Jim@epa.gov]
From: Dermer, Michele
Sent: Tue 3/8/2016 8:18:57 PM
Subject: RE: Aquifer exemption in the Arroyo Grande Oil Field

Perfect, thanks.

From: Harper, Jim
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:28 AM
To: Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Aquifer exemption in the Arroyo Grande Oil Field

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From: Dermer, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 8:54 AM
To: Harper, Jim <Harper.Jim@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Aquifer exemption in the Arroyo Grande Oil Field

From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:38 PM
To: Albright, David <Albright.David@epa.gov>; Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>; Robin, George <Robin.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Kobelski, Bruce <Kobelski.Bruce@epa.gov>
Subject: Aquifer exemption in the Arroyo Grande Oil Field

Esteemed Civil Servants,

I am writing to urge you to deny the request for expansion in the Arroyo Grande Oil Field (AGOF), also referred to as the Price Canyon Oil Field. There are several reasons why it is not only your duty to deny such projects but also it is the right thing to do. Following are just a few reasons why this proposal must be denied.

Freeport McMoRan's application of aquifer exemption is based on current water extraction and injection. Nowhere does the application mention that the company is pursuing this oilfield expansion project. This

is inconsistent and should not be used to waste your time.

This historic drought is already putting strain on water supplies that are highly variable in today's climate - despite recent weather. Do not let groundwater be sacrificed to the oil industry. There is value in leaving the hydrocarbon resources where they are.

Also, the sheer amount of trucks involved with production at the AGOF is already a hazard. If Freeport McMoRan's promise to increase production 10-fold is true that means that the amount of trucks that carry oil from the AGOF will increase accordingly, this a huge environmental hazard - from an explosive risk standpoint and an emissions standpoint.

I have one question. Why now? I am not asking you to be for or against oil. I am not asking to make this call as an environmentalist. Furthermore, denying this project does not even necessarily mean that the production of oil should stop happening in the AGOF. Why now? The production capacity does not need to increase. Freeport McMoRan is in no position to be expanding its production and they have already drilled wells outside of their permitted area. A company such as this does not have the best interest of the community at heart. The EPA was first created for situations such as this. Please be the voice for the environment and the voice for the communities that surround the AGOF and deny this project.

The EPA must protect the health and environment of Californians, especially those living near the AGOF, and deny this exemption.

Thank you very much for your time, if any of you are actually reading this. I hope that this email finds you before a final decision is made.

Regards,

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